Hello, my name is (first and last name). I'm on the staff of the Eagleton Poll, and I'm taking a public opinion survey of New Jersey adults for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on what New Jersey is like as a place to live and on some topics currently in the news.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all of your life?
   1 LESS THAN ONE
   2 ONE OR TWO
   3 3– 5
   4 6 – 10
   5 11 – 20
   6 21 – 30
   7 MORE THAN 30
   8 ALL MY LIFE
   9 DON'T KNOW

2. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey—IF YES, PROBE: As a Democrat, Republican, Independent or something else?
   1 YES, DEMOCRAT
   2 YES, REPUBLICAN
   3 YES, INDEPENDENT
   4 YES, OTHER
   5 YES, REFUSED PARTY
   6 NO
   9 DON'T KNOW

3. As of now, how likely are you to vote in the election for governor this November—will you definitely vote, probably vote, probably not vote, or definitely not vote?
   1 DEFINITELY WILL VOTE
   2 PROBABLY WILL VOTE
   3 PROBABLY WILL NOT VOTE
   4 DEFINITELY WILL NOT VOTE
   9 DON'T KNOW

4. How much interest do you have in this election—a lot, some, a little or none at all?
   1 A LOT
   2 SOME
   3 A LITTLE
   4 NONE
   9 DON'T KNOW

5. And how much do you care who wins the election—a lot, some, just a little: or doesn't it really make any difference to you?
   1 LOT
2 SOME
3 LITTLE
4 NO DIFFERENCE
9 DON'T KNOW

6. Do you know who the Republican candidate for Governor is?

1 YES- NAMES COURTER [Go to q.8]
2 YES- DOES NOT NAME COURTER [Go to q.7]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.7]

7. The Republican candidate is Jim Courter--have you ever heard of him before?

1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.11]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.11]

8. How much do you think you know about Jim Courter--a lot, some or just a little?

1 A LOT
2 SOME
3 A LITTLE
4 NOTHING
9 DON'T KNOW

9. Is your general impression of Courter favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion about him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?

1 VERY FAVORABLE
2 SOMEWHAT FAVORABLE
3 SOMEWHAT UNFAVORABLE
4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

10. Do you happen to know what office Courter now holds--IF YES: what is it?

1 YES, U.S. CONGRESSMAN
2 YES, OTHER MENTIONING U.S. OFFICES
3 YES, OTHER MENTIONING N.J. STATE OFFICES
9 NO/DON'T KNOW, OTHER (WRONG)

11. And, do you know who the Democratic candidate for Governor is?

1 NAMES JIM FLORIO [Go to q.13]
2 DOES NOT NAME JIM FLORIO [Go to q.12]

12. The Democratic candidate is Jim Florio--have you ever heard of him before?

1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.]

13. How much do you think you know about Florio--a lot, some or just a little?

1 A LOT
14. Is your general impression of Florio favorable or unfavorable, or don't you really have an opinion about him--IF FAVORABLE OR UNFAVORABLE, PROBE: Is that very (favorable/unfavorable) or somewhat (favorable/unfavorable)?

1 VERY FAVORABLE
2 SOWEBAT FAVORABLE
3 SOMEWMT UNFAVORABLE
4 VERY UNFAVORABLE
9 NO OPINION/DON'T KNOW

15. Do you happen to know what office Florio now holds--IF YES: What is it?

1 YES, U.S. CONGRESSMAN
2 YES, OTHER MENTIONING U.S. OFFICES
3 YES, OTHER MENTIONING N.J. STATE OFFICES
9 NO/DON'T KNOW, OTHER (WRONG)

16. What do you think is the most important problem facing the state that whoever is elected Governor will have to face--DO NOT READ RESPONSE OPTIONS--PROBE FOR ONE RESPONSE AND CIRCLE APPROPRIATE CODE, IF MORE THAN ONE RESPONSE GIVEN, ASK WHICH IS MOST IMPORTANT--IF UNCLEAR WHERE TO CODE, WRITE RESPONSE IN "OTHER"?

17. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will do a better job of handling this problem: Jim Courter the Republican (or) Jim Florio the Democrat?

1 COURTER
2 FLORIO
3 BOTH/NO DIFFERENCE
4 NEITHER
9 DON'T KNOW

18. Suppose the election for Governor was held today and you had to choose right now--would you vote for Jim Courter the Republican or Jim Florio the Democrat--IF "WOULDN'T VOTE," PROBE: Would you not vote because you're undecided now, or don't you plan to vote in the election?

1 COURTER [Go to q.20]
2 FLORIO [Go to q.20]
3 WON'T VOTE [Go to q.22]
8 OTHER CANDIDATE [Go to q.22]
9 UNDECIDED/DON'T KNOW [Go to q.19]

19. At this moment do you lean more towards Courter, or more towards Florio?

1 COURTER
2 FLORIO
9 DON'T KNOW
20. Are you very sure about voting for Mr. (Florio/Courter); or might you change your mind before election day?

1 VERY SURE
2 MIGHT CHANGE/DON'T KNOW

21. What is the most important reason why you favor (Name candidate selection in Q. 18 or Q. 19 -- Florio/Courter)--PROBE FOR MOST IMPORTANT REASON IF MORE THAN ONE GIVEN?

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22. I'm going to read you a short list of issues. Regardless of which candidate you might favor, please tell me which one--Courter or Florio--you think would do a better job of handling each. First (DESIGNATED POINT) who would be better--Courter or Florio -- |

A managing the economy and keeping the state prosperous?
B keeping government honest and free from corruption?
C providing strong leadership for the state?
D protecting the environment?
E balancing the state budget?
F providing social services such as day care and aid to the needy?
G handling the drug problem?
H holding down taxes?
I controlling growth and development?
J handling public school education?
K fixing the auto insurance problem?
I doing what you want done about abortion?

23. Is there one of these issues which will be more important than all the others in helping you make a decision on who to vote for, or will you be making your decision based on more than one issue?

1 DECIDING ON A SINGLE ISSUE
2 DECIDING ON MORE THAN ONE ISSUE
9 DON'T KNOW

24. Which one of these issues do you feel will be the most important in your decision on who to vote for on election day--If you'd like, I'll read through the list again for you. (CIRCLE ONLY ONE CODE IN COLUMN UNDER Q.24 ABOVE)?

1 managing the economy and keeping the state prosperous?
2 keeping government honest and free from corruption?
3 providing strong leadership for the state?
4 protecting the environment?
5 balancing the state budget?
6 providing social services such as day care and aid to the needy?
7 handling the drug problem?
8 holding down taxes?
9 controlling growth and development?
10 handling public school education?
11 fixing the auto insurance problem?
12 doing what you want done about abortion?

Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about the candidates.
25. Which candidate has a clearer vision of the state's future--Courter or Florio?

26. And who cares more about people like you?

27. Who is more honest?

28. And who is more competent--Courter or Florio?

29. Who would bring better people into government?

30. Who is more experienced?

31. Who has values more like yours?

31B1. [WAVE 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY] Did you watch any of Monday night's (tonight's) debate between Courter and Florio on TV or listen to it on the radio?

1 YES
2 NO/DON'T KNOW

31B2. [WAVE 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY] Have you seen or read any news stories about their debate?

1 YES
2 NO

31B3. [WAVE 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY] Have you seen or read any news stories about their debate?

31B4. [WAVE 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY] Who do you think actually got the best of the debate--Courter or Florio--IF CHOICE MADE, PROBE: By a lot or just a little?

1 COURTER--A LOT
2 COURTER--A LITTLE
3 FLORIO--A LOT
4 FLORIO--A LITTLE
5 NOBODY WON/NO OPINION

31B5. [WAVE 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY] Based on what you saw or heard about the debate, did your overall impression of Jim Florio become more favorable, less favorable, or didn't your view of him change?

1 MORE FAVORABLE
2 LESS FAVORABLE
3 DIDN'T CHANGE
9 DON'T KNOW
31B6. [WAVE 2 RESPONDENTS ONLY] How about your impression of Jim Courter---did this become more favorable, less favorable, or didn't your view of him change?

1 MORE FAVORABLE
2 LESS FAVORABLE
3 DIDN'T CHANGE
9 DON'T KNOW

32. Regardless of who you plan to vote for, who do you think will win the election for Governor?

1 FLORIO
2 COURTER
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

33. Most people do not vote in every election--I'm going to ask you about some past elections--If you can't recall whether you voted or if you weren't eligible to vote, just say so--Did you vote in the June 1989 primary elections for Governor?

1 NO
2 YES
9 DON'T KNOW

34. Did you vote in the Presidential election in 1988?

1 NO [Go to q.36]
2 YES
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.36]

35. Did you vote for George Bush the Republican or Michael Dukakis the Democrat?

1 BUSH
2 DUKAKIS
3 OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

36. Did you vote in the 1988 election for U.S. Senator?

37. What about the 1987 election for the State Senate and Assembly?

38. And, how about the 1985 election for Governor?

39. Did you vote in the 1981 election for Governor between Tom Kean the Republican and Jim Florio the Democrat?

40. Did you vote for Kean or Florio?

1 KEAN
2 FLORIO
3 CAN'T REWEMBER/DON'T KNOW
4 OTHER
9 REFUSED

41. There will also be an election for the State Assembly in November--Do you think you will vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates from your district?

1 DEMOCRATIC
2 REPUBLICAN
3 1 DEM., 1 REP.
4 1 DEM., DON'T KNOW OTHER
5 1 REP., DON'T KNOW OTHER
8 OTHER (WON'T VOTE)
9 DON'T KNOW

42. How much have you read or heard about the non-binding referendum on auto insurance that may be on the ballot this November--a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

1 A GREAT DEAL
2 SOME
3 NOT MUCH
4 NOTHING AT ALL
9 DON'T KNOW

54. How would you generally describe economic conditions in New Jersey right now? Would you say that economically New Jersey is in good times or bad times right now?

1 GOOD TIMES
2 BAD TIMES
9 DON'T KNOW

55. Thinking now about your family's financial situation over the last year, have things gotten better, worse, or stayed about the same?

1 BETTER
2 WORSE
3 STAYED THE SAME
9 DON'T KNOW

56. And, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or about the same as now?

1 BETTER
2 WORSE
3 STAYED THE SAME
9 DON'T KNOW

57. How would you rate the job Tom Kean (PRONOUNCED KANE) is doing as Governor--excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

1 EXCELLENT
2 GOOD
3 ONLY FAIR
4 POOR
9 DON'T KNOW
58. And, how would you rate the job George Bush is doing as President—excellent, good, only fair or poor?

1 EXCELLENT
2 GOOD
3 ONLY FAIR
4 POOR
9 DON'T KNOW

Now I'd like to ask you some questions about automobile insurance.

59. Do you think auto insurance rates in New Jersey have to be as high as they are in order for insurance companies to stay in business, or do you think rates could be lower—IF LOWER," Ask: Do you think they could be a lot lower or only somewhat lower?

1 A LOT LOWER
2 SOMEWHAT LOWER
3 HAVE TO BE HIGH
8 DEPENDS
9 DON'T KNOW

60. We'd like to know how you would rate the efforts of various public officials and groups in handling the car insurance issue—First, how would you rate the job (READ FIRST ITEM STARTING AT DESIGNATED POINT) has done in trying to keep car insurance rates down—excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

A Governor Kean?
B the State Legislature as a whole?
C the state legislators representing your district in the Assembly and Senate?
D the auto insurance industry?
E the state insurance commissioner?

1 EXCELLENT
2 GOOD
3 ONLY FAIR
4 POOR
9 DON'T KNOW

61. There have been a number of suggestions to improve New Jersey's auto insurance system—Which of the following three statements come closest to your view: FIRST, "KEEP THE CURRENT SYSTEM AS IT IS"; SECOND, "MAKE CHANGES WITHIN THE CURRENT SYSTEM" OR THIRD, "GET RID OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT"?

1 FIRST, KEEP THE CURRENT SYSTEM AS IT IS
2 SECOND, MAKE CHANGES WITHIN THE CURRENT SYSTEM OR
3 THIRD, GET RID OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM AND TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT
8 OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW

62. Some people believe that less government regulation of auto insurance would create more competition between companies and lower insurance rates—Others believe there must be strict regulation of insurance companies to keep rates from going up even higher; How about you—do you think there needs to be strict regulation of auto insurance companies to keep rates down, or do you think less regulation would lead to more competition and lower rates?
1 NEED STRICT REGULATION
2 LESS REGULATION
3 BOTH/IN-BETWEEN
8 DEPENDS
9 DON'T KNOW

63. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: The decision to have an abortion is a private matter that should be left to the woman to decide without government intervention--PROBE: Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?
1 STRONGLY AGREE
2 MILDLY AGREE
3 MILDLY DISAGREE
4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
9 DON'T KNOW

64. How much have you read or heard about the recent U.S. Supreme Court's Webster decision on abortion--a lot, some, a little, or nothing at all?
1 A LOT
2 SOME
3 A LITTLE
4 NOTHING AT ALL

65. As you may know, the Webster decision on abortion leaves it up to the states to decide if they want to regulate abortions--Would you favor or oppose new laws in New Jersey to restrict a woman's right to have an abortion--IF FAVOR OR OPPOSE, PROBE: Do you (favor/oppose) strongly or mildly?

66. There has been some discussion about having a constitutional amendment restricting abortion--Would you favor or oppose a constitutional amendment that would make abortions illegal unless the mother's life was in danger--PROBE: Do you favor/oppose strongly or mildly?

67. In general, which of the following three views comes closest to your own? (READ FIRST THREE OPTIONS)
1 ALL WOMEN SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ABORTION IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
2 ALL WOMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE AN ABORTION, BUT ONLY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
3 NO WOMEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED AN ABORTION FOR ANY CIRCUMSTANCE
9 DON'T KNOW

68. The following is a list of circumstances where a woman might consider having an abortion in the first three months of pregnancy. For each one that I read please tell me if you think an abortion should be legal or illegal in the first three months. INTERVIEWERS: Please repeat "in the first three months" as needed to make sure that the respondent remembers the time frame...|

A If the woman's physical health is in danger?
B If it is likely that the baby will be seriously deformed?
C If the women feels she cannot afford a child?
D If the women does not want to have a baby?
If the woman is under 18 years old?
If the woman became pregnant because of rape or incest?

69. In general, how firm are you in your opinions about abortion--very firm, somewhat firm, not very firm, or not at all firm?

1 VERY FIRM
2 SOMEWHAT FIRM
3 NOT VERY FIRM
4 NOT AT ALL FIRM
9 DON'T KNOW

70. Do you know someone who has had an abortion?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

71. Now, I'd like to ask you about chronic hunger in New Jersey--By "chronic hunger" I mean when people run out of food or are not able to get nutritious food on a daily basis for extended periods of time--How much have you read or heard about the problem of chronic hunger in New Jersey--a lot, some, just a little, or nothing at all?

1 A LOT
2 SOME
3 A LITTLE
4 NOTHING AT ALL [Go to q.76]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.76]

(IF #1, 2, OR 3 TO Q. 71. ASK:)

72. Where did you read or hear about the problem of hunger-- Anywhere else? [CIRCLE ALL RESPONSES MENTIONED]

A NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES
B TELEVISION NEWS/DOCUMENTARIES
C LETTERS SEEKING DONATIONS
D FRIENDS/RELATIVES
E CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
F SCHOOL
G RADIO
H OTHER (SPECIFY: _____________

1 MENTIONS
2 DOES NOT MENTION

73. How serious do you think the problem of hunger is in New Jersey--very serious, somewhat serious, not very serious, or not at all serious?

1 VERY SERIOUS
2 SOMewhat SERIOUS
3 NOT VERY SERIOUS
4 NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
9 DON'T KNOW
74. Not everyone has had an opportunity to make a contribution to help those without enough to eat—I'm going to read you a list of different activities that people can do to reduce chronic hunger in New Jersey—For each, please tell me if it is an activity you have done—if you haven't done it, please feel free to say so—(IF HAS DONE, PROBE: Was this in the last 12 months, or not—IF NOT DONE, PROBE: Is this something you would be willing to do if asked, or not)

A donated food through schools, churches or other organizations?
B donated time to a food kitchen?
C donated money to help reduce hunger in NJ?
D donated money to help reduce hunger outside New Jersey?
E Are there any other ways you have contributed to reducing chronic hunger that I have not mentioned?

75. I'm going to read you four statements about helping to reduce chronic hunger in New Jersey—Please tell me which comes closest to your own opinion?

1 CHRONIC HUNGER IS NOT A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN NJ, SO I DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO HELP
2 CHRONIC HUNGER IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN NJ, BUT THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
3 CHRONIC HUNGER IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN NJ, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO HELP
4 CHRONIC HUNGER IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN NJ, AND I HAVE WORKED TO HELP FIGHT IT
9 DON'T KNOW

76. Turning to a different topic, thinking back over the past 12 months, have you had occasion to go to a public library?

1 YES
2 NO [Go to q.
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.]

77. How many times during the past 12 months? CODE NUMBER IN BOXES, ZERO FILL

78. What are all the reasons or purposes why you have gone to a public library in the past 12 months for yourself -- |

A GETTING INFORMATION ?
B USING THEIR REFERENCE SECTION ?
C BORROW BOOKS ?
D BORROW RECORDS, CD'S, MOVIES ?
E CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ?
F RELAXATION ?
G SOCIAL ACTIVITIES ?
H ARTS--CRAFTS EXHIBITS ?
I OTHER (SPECIFY: ___________ ?
J OTHER (SPECIFY: ___________ ?
K DON'T KNOW ?

Just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

D1. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?
1 DEMOCRAT [Go to q.D3]
2 REPUBLICAN [Go to q.D3]
3 INDEPENDENT [Go to q.D2]
4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER [Go to q.D2]
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION [Go to q.D2]

D2. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
3 OTHER PARTY
4 NEITHER
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

D3. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

1 LIBERAL [Go to q.D5]
2 CONSERVATIVE [Go to q.D5]
3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

D4. Do you lean more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side?

1 LIBERAL
2 CONSERVATIVE
3 OTHER/NEITHER
9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

D5. Did you receive a high school diploma?

1 YES [Go to q.D6]
2 NO [Go to q.D7]
9 DON'T KNOW [Go to q.D7]

D6. Did you ever attend college--IF YES, ASK: Did you graduate?

1 YES, GRADUATED
2 YES, DID NOT GRADUATE
3 JUNIOR COLLEGE--GRADUATE
4 VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL
5 NO
9 DON'T KNOW

D7. Are you Currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

1 EMPLOYED
2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.D10]
3 RETIRED [Go to q.D10]
4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D10]
9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D10]

(IF #1 OR 2 TO Q. D7, ASK:)

D8. Do you get paid at an hourly rate, a salary, or are you self-employed?
1 HOURLY (AND PIECEWORK)
2 SALARIED (AND COMMISSIONS)
3 SELF-EMPLOYED
9 DON’T KNOW

D9. Are you the chief wage earner in your household?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON’T KNOW

D10. Is the chief wage earner in your household currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

1 EMPLOYED
2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF [Go to q.D12]
3 RETIRED [Go to q.D12]
4 NOT EMPLOYED [Go to q.D12]
9 OTHER/REFUSED [Go to q.D12]

D11. Does/did the chief wage earner get paid at an hourly rate, paid a salary, or is the chief wage earner self-employed?

1 HOURLY (AND PIECEWORK)
2 SALARIED (AND COMMISSIONS)
3 SELF-EMPLOYED
9 DON’T KNOW

D12. Do you own or rent your apartment or house?

1 OWN
2 RENT
3 LIVE RENT FREE WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES
4 BOTH OWN AND RENT
9 NOT DETERMINED

D13. Are you married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

1 MARRIED
2 WIDOWED
3 DIVORCED
4 SEPARATED
5 NEVER WARRIED
9 DON’T KNOW

D13A. Do you have any children?

1 YES
2 NO
9 DON’T KNOW

D14. Are you white, black or of Hispanic origin?

1 WHITE
2 BLACK
3 HISPANIC
4 OTHER (SPECIFY:
9 NOT DETERMINED

D15. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

1 CATHOLIC
2 PROTESTANT
3 JEWISH
4 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC
5 OTHER
9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?

(CODE # OF YEARS, 99 = REFUSED; AND CODE)
99 REFUSED

D17. In what age group are you [read choices]? 

1 18 - 20
2 21 - 24
3 25- 29
4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)
5 FORTIES (40 - 49)
6 50 - 54
7 55-59
8 60-64
9 65-69
10 70-74
11 75 OR OVER
12 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

D18. Where you live--in what township or municipality?
D18a. In what county is that?

D19. So that we can group all answers, what is your total annual family income before taxes: Under $10,000; $10,000 to $20,000; $20,000 to $30,000: $30,000 to $50,000; over $50,000?

1 UNDER $10,000
2 $10,001 - $20,000
3 $20,001 - $30,000
4 $30,001 - $50,000
5 OVER $50,000
9 REFUSED/DON'T KNOW